



Rosewood Taxpayers' Association Newsletter

January 1999

Message from the President

The executive board and I hope you and your family had a wonderful Christmas holiday. We wish you all the best for the coming year.

We were unable to hold our September 17th meeting at the Alexmuir P.S. as the school was holding its Open House. Our thanks to Mr. Lothar Maier (Alexmuir's principal) and Pastor Nick Stavropoulos of the Rosewood Church of the Nazarene who made possible a successful meeting in the church basement. The meeting was focused on *Property Taxes* and was well attended. Thanks to Councillors Doug Mahood and Sherene Shaw, who not only attended, but also arranged for Wanda Liczyk our City Treasurer to be on hand to address specific questions relating to the new property tax adjustments.

Our "Fall Clean Up" was very successful and again we would like to thank our MP Derek Lee and Councillor Mahood for their participation. The two clean ups each year are one of the best ways you, as a concerned resident, can express personally your commitment to your community. You are making a statement that you care about where you live. Please think about this when we have the "Spring Clean Up" as this is your opportunity to spend a couple of hours to improve your neighbourhood. Once again we would like to remind residents that it is **NOT ACCEPTABLE** to place household garbage in the public receptacles at the bus stops or in our parks. The public bins are for litter only, such as candy wrappers and the like. The city has a by law and will **FINE** people caught dumping household garbage as this poses a health threat to all of us in addition to being unsightly!

On September 24th we had a meeting to address the Shell proposal to change the existing gas station at Brimely and Finch into a 24 hour, brightly lit, drive through take out and convenience store operation. This proposal, which would have significant impact on our Community, was rejected by a majority of those at the meeting. On December 9th there was a public meeting before Scarborough City Council, where separate presentations against this proposal were made by your Association and by myself as your president. I am pleased to tell you that council rejected the proposal. It will likely be appealed by Shell to the OMB, but we are making progress. Thanks to those attending the meetings for their support as this sends a clear message that we represent the community. Please watch the Brimley Pharmacy bulletin board at 127 Montezuma trail for upcoming meetings on this matter. Community notices at the pharmacy are courtesy of the owner, Rita Cheung.

A final reminder that By-law 5952 is now in place. This prohibits vehicle repair to other than your own personal vehicle(s) at your residence and violators will be fined.

Events

General Meeting:

Thursday, 18th February, 1999 - 7:30 P.M.

Topic: "Policing -- Do you feel safe?"

Invited Guest: Deputy Police Chief Robert Kerr

Meeting Place: Alexmuir Junior Public School

Note: We are delighted that the Deputy Chief is able to attend. This is your opportunity to attend and express concerns to people who can make changes happen. Please make an effort to be there.

Thursday, 29th April, 1999 - 7:30 P.M.

Topic: "Gardening"

Invited Guest: To be announced

Meeting Place: Alexmuir Junior Public School

Spring Clean-Up Day:

Saturday 1st May, 1999 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Meeting Place: Parking Lot Alexmuir Junior Public School

Chit Chat Club:

The "Chit Chat" club will resume Monday, 15th March under the leadership of Susan Tsang.

Rosewood Musings

This is the second in a series of articles about the community in which we live. We believe it is worthwhile to pass on anecdotes about our own community history in the hope it will build a community spirit and identity.

In the last newsletter, an article by Ron Green described the struggles of the community to influence the development of the Southeast corner of Rosewood. There have been many such struggles, the majority of which occurred while the community was being built.

One of the development issues the community became involved with 20 years ago, was the Shell proposal for the gas station at the corner of Finch and Brimley. What I remember was that through the efforts of our community, Shell Canada agreed to ban the use of banner advertising and streamers on the property. It is ironic that 20 years later, the community is once again in a struggle with Shell over their proposed zoning change and re-development of the same site.

Concern over property standards has always been a priority issue with our community over the years. When the first

occupants moved into Rosewood over 20 years ago, everyone had to sign an agreement that prohibited rooftop television antennas and even clotheslines for a period of two years.

The developer was obligated by the Town of Scarborough to encourage the planting of trees and shrubbery on each residential property. This obligation by the developer came in the form of \$100 Sheridan Nurseries gift certificate provided to each household to be used for the purchase of trees and shrubs selected from an approved list. Apparently, a soil analysis in our community had shown that certain trees and shrubs would stand a better chance of survival than others. A hundred dollars in those days bought considerably more than now. For our home, we bought two Mount batten Junipers, three Potentilla shrubs and two good size trees with the certificate.

Speaking of trees, the beautiful trees that line the streets of our community were chosen and planted by Scarborough in the late 70's.

If anyone has an interesting anecdote that could be shared with the community in our newsletter, our Vice President Communications, John Skears, would be happy to hear from you.

Tom Gillette, VP Social

Miscellaneous

Police numbers you may need:

Life threatening emergency	911
Non emergency	808-2222
Other matters	808-4300
Crime prevention	808-4339
Traffic issues	808-4320
Chinese information	343-0475

Anyone interested in getting involved with our ever-growing Association in any capacity is welcome. Community involvement is rewarding and new ideas keep the Association young, vibrant and in step with the times. Become involved for yourself and your community.

Thank you all for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at functions that are listed in this newsletter.

Sincerely,

Valerie Plunkett

President

Rosewood Taxpayers' Association (291-4047)

本會將舉辦以下之活動:

一 會員大會

間時: 一九九九年二月十八日星期四
晚上七時三十分
地點: 阿力士美雅公立小學
主講項目: 警察巡邏活動 - 你感到安全嗎?
主講者: 多倫多市助理警務署長羅拔嘉

間時: 一九九九年四月二十九日星期四
晚上七時三十分
地點: 阿力士美雅公立小學
主講項目: 園藝

二 玫瑰園區清潔行動日

日期: 一九九九年五月一日星期六
集合地點: 阿力士美雅公立小學停車場
時間: 早上十時至十二時

三 耆老英文班

開課時間: 一九九九年三月十五日
至
一九九九年六月二十一日
逢星期一晚上七時至八時
上課地點: 阿力士美雅公立小學圖書館